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MIDDLE EASTERN
CRISIS EASING:

This is the tiny Gaza strip, a vortex for swirling international currents. Here, patrolling Israeli soldiers typify a problem that has led the world to a new crisis. Israel refuses to leave this 25-mile slice of land without ironclad guarantees that Gaza never again will become a springboard for Egyptian attacks. Egypt says this land where Arab farmers still plow their ancient fields is occupied as the result of aggression, that there can be no compromise to unconditional withdrawal. And as life goes slowly on in the Gaza strip, the wheels of world diplomacy begin to whirl.

As the impasse moves off dead center, an important meeting begins at Cairo. President al-Kuwatly of Syria is welcomed warmly by Egypt's President Nasser.

They head Arab nation talks to re-evaluate the changing situation.

An ocean away, another plane brings Premier Mollet of France to Washington, and a warm reception by Vice President Nixon and Secretary of State Dulles. Foremost objective of the French leader is to restore mutual top-level understanding toward the Mid-East. This, Mollet hopes to accomplish during two days of talks with President Eisenhower.

For his part, the President has already made clear his staunch support of the United Nations:

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ISRAEL AGREES
TO GAZA PULLBACK!

From the man in the street to the top levels of government, Israel is divided on the question of withdrawing its forces from Gaza and the Akaba Gulf. The domestic uproar brings international repercussions.

Israeli leaders meet around the clock with Prime Minister Ben Gurion in an effort to reach a decision and implement the announced pull-back of the troops.

Then, dramatically, Ben Gurion orders the withdrawal on his own authority. At once, the machinery for military change-over slips into gear. And Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, announces the momentous developments at UN headquarters.

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Demonstrations in Jerusalem at Announce of Withdrawal
from Gaza and Akaba Gulf.
Positive developed: 51 meters = 170 ft

Israel Prime Minister Ben GURION announced in Parliament the reasons why he had finally agreed to Israel forces' withdrawal from the Gaza strip and from the part of the desert commanding the Akaba Gulf, that is Eilat harbor.

At the time he announced this decision violent demonstrations broke out in Jerusalem, and heavy police forces massed around Parliament House prevented demonstrators to reach the Parliament assembly.

This coverage shows : arrival of members of Israel Government, at Parliament to hear Mr. Ben Gurion's declaration and explanations, former Foreign Minister Mr. Moshe Sharett accompanied by his wife, President Ben Zvi and his wife. followed by members of Government. Prime Minister BEN GURION arrives.

Meanwhile crowds are gathering in the surrounding streets and angry orators are trying to foment a violent demonstration, speaking to an angry crowd, stopped by police forces.